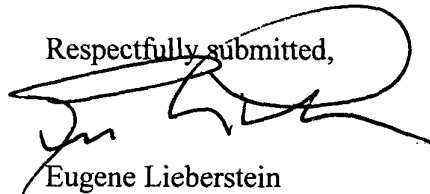


### REMARKS

The prior application serial number 09/668,719 filed on September 22, 2000 has been allowed and the issue fee is due to be paid on September 16, 2003. This continuation application incorporates the entire disclosure of the prior application by reference.

Applicants respectfully request that this application proceed to prosecution.

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